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### **TOWN SET TO INSTALL AUTOMATED ELECTRICITY METERS**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – May 11, 2006** – As part of Wake Forest's commitment to continuous service and reliability, the Town is installing new solid state electricity meters throughout its entire service territory. Installation of the new automatic meter reading technology is projected to take place over four weeks beginning the first week in June.

The new electronic meters will help the Town become more productive by reducing meter-reading time, improving data-recording and increasing billing accuracy. The AMR system will also enable the Town to provide customers with current consumption information, detect interruptions, and allow the Town to more easily restore service during power outages.

Using the traditional collection method, meter readers went door-to-door to gather data, but often had trouble accessing property. The new system enables Wake Forest to collect and transmit data from all the Town's meters through existing power lines within a matter of minutes. The new technology is more efficient, improves reporting accuracy, and significantly reduces the likelihood of errors.

Installation of the new meters is simple. As long as the Town has access to a customer's meter, no one has to be home during the installation. However, the Town will attempt to contact customers prior to the meter installation to make them aware of the change out. Power will be interrupted for a few minutes during the installation of the new meter.

If you have any questions, please contact Roe O'Donnell, Deputy Town Manager, at (919) 554-6121 or visit us online at [www.wakeforestnc.gov](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov).

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